

**RULES
OF
TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 1660-2-9
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING NOISE LEVEL STANDARDS**

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- (1) No person shall operate any vessel in or upon the waters of Tennessee in such a manner so that the total noise produced by the watercraft exceeds 86 dBA at a distance of 50 feet or more, whether or not said vessel is in motion.
 - (a) Measurements shall be made with a Type I or Type II sound level meter which meets the requirements of the American National Standards Institute SI.4-1971.
 - (b) Measurements shall be taken at a minimum distance of 50 feet, and in so far as practical, be taken at an angle approximately perpendicular to the vessel in question.
 - (c) A test course, if used in testing, shall consist of an approximately straight course 50 yards in length through which the vessel in question shall operate at full throttle; measurements shall be made at a minimum distance of 50 feet and at an angle approximately perpendicular to the vessel near the center of the course.
 - (d) Any duly commissioned officer of the Wildlife Resources Agency with a reason to suspect that a vessel is exceeding the noise limitation may require the vessel operator to transverse a noise emission test course as set forth herein.
 - (e) Any person who fails to comply with the directive to transverse the test course shall be subject to prosecution under 70-2222 and/or at the discretion of the officer, the vessel shall be ordered to immediately return to its mooring and cease operations.

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